

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending herein. Claim 1 has been amended to correct matters of form only. Claim 2 has been added as supported by paragraph [0007] of the substitute specification. Additionally, the specification has been amended to correct matters of form only. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

Claim 1 was rejected under §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Additionally, claim 1 was rejected under §102(b) over Storm et al., U.S. Patent 3,979,853 or Correll et al., U.S. Patent 5,193,299. To the extent that these rejections might be applied against amended claim 1, they are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct matters of form and recites a lure shaped to represent a small fish comprising a tail fin part, at least one of a dorsal fin part and a pectoral fin part, and a body portion. The tail fin part and the dorsal/pectoral fin part consist of a soft material and the body portion consists of a hard material.

Storm discloses a fishing lure of a shape that represents a small fish comprised of a rigid body and an elongated streamer comprised of a flexible material, such as rubber, or polyvinyl chloride attached to the tail. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Storm does not teach or suggest a lure shaped to represent a small fish comprising a tail fin part, at least one of a dorsal fin part and a pectoral fin part, and a body portion, wherein the tail fin part and the dorsal/pectoral fin part consist of a soft material and the body portion consists of a hard material, as recited in pending claim 1. Rather, Col. 4, lines 46-55 of Storm discloses a flexible resilient streamer element. The flexible streamer element is attached to the tail portion 18 which is a part of the rigid body 10 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and disclosed in Col. 5, lines 4-10, for example.

Correll discloses a fishing lure in the shape of a fish wherein the body including the tail fins and wings (pectoral fins) are molded of flexible plastic and a brace of a hard material such as metal or plastic is provided which may be inside the body or alternatively may comprise a part of the surface of the lure. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Correll does not teach or suggest a lure shaped to represent a

small fish comprising a tail fin part, at least one of a dorsal fin part and a pectoral fin part, and a body portion, wherein the tail fin part and the dorsal/pectoral fin part consist of a soft material and the body portion consists of a hard material, as recited in pending claim 1. As disclosed in Col. 4, lines 41-52 of Correll, the lure is comprised of a molded plastic body. The material of the body may be any which is waterproof, *flexible* and tough.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 defines patentable subject matter over Storm and Correll. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now in full compliance with §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 2 has been added as supported by paragraph [0007] of the substitute specification and recites a lure shaped to represent a bug comprising legs consisting of a soft material and a body consisting of a hard material. Applicant respectfully submits that neither Storm nor Correll teach or suggest a lure shaped to represent a bug comprising legs consisting of a soft material and a body consisting of a hard material as recited in pending claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 defines patentable subject matter over the prior art, and thus is in condition for allowance.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the PTO is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance as soon as possible.

Applicant respectfully requests that the PTO enter and fully consider the Supplemental Data Sheet filed June 3, 2004. A copy of that Supplemental Data Sheet and the PTO's Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission are attached hereto as Appendix C for the Examiner's convenience.

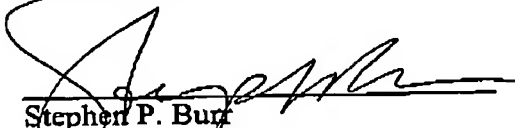
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Appendix A-substitute specification
Appendix B-marked-up specification
Appendix C-6/3/04 Submission of Supplemental Application Data Sheet

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LURE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

[0001] This invention relates to a fishing lure comprising hard material, and more particularly to a lure wherein some parts are made of soft material so that the texture of the lure becomes more like an actual fish bite when bitten, and further, the movement thereof is arranged to simulate the flexing movement of a fish. Therefore, better fishing efficiency can be expected with this lure than with conventional lures.

2. Description of the Related Art

[0002] In the past, a conventional lure has been known in the form of a jig head outfitted with a rubber, a skirt, a plastic bait, a feather or so, or as a whole form composed of hard material. However, ~~neither~~ none of these conventional lures necessarily provides satisfaction in catching fish, and a further problem with the conventional lures is that the usage thereof requires technique.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention is to provide a lure solving the above problem.

[0004] In order to achieve the above purpose, the shape of the lure set forth in the present invention represents a small fish, a bug, or the like, and the lure is comprised of soft material like synthetic resin, rubber or the like, to form a part of the lure, such as a tail fin part, a dorsal fin part ~~of or~~ a pectoral fin part, and is comprised of hard material to form the rest of the parts of the lure.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

[0005] For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention, reference should be made to the following detailed description of a preferred mode of practicing the invention, read in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG 1 is a side view of the embodiment, showing a whole lure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0006] Referring to the embodiment shown in the drawing, a lure body 1 which is formed in a shape of a small fish without a tail fin comprised of hard plastic material is outfitted with eyes 2, an eyelet 3 and fish hooks 4 and 5. Further, a tail fin 6 is separately comprised of soft synthetic resin so that the texture thereof becomes like an actual fish bite when bitten. This tail fin 6 is then fixed onto the above fish body 1 so that the whole shape represents a small fish with a tail fin.

[0007] Furthermore, the present invention, for example, can be formed and provided in a form of a bug of which legs are comprised of soft synthetic resin. The soft synthetic resin also can be exchanged with some new or different material. The present invention can also be outfitted with a sinker and/or formed with a rip. Therefore, it is obvious to those skilled in the art that changes and modifications can be made without departing from this invention in its broader aspects.

[0008] The lure set forth in the present invention as described in the above, is a lure of which shape represents a small fish, a bug, or the like, comprising soft material like synthetic resin, rubber or the like; to form a part of the lure, such as a tail fin part, a dorsal fin part or a pectoral fin part, and hard material to form the rest of the parts of the lure. The soft material part of the lure creates the texture thereof to be like an actual fish bite when a fish bite ~~bites~~ on the lure. Additionally, because of the water stream and/or water pressure, the conventional lures have been comprised of hard material or feathers, so the movements of the conventional lures do not accurately simulate real fish. However, the

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lure according to the present invention with the soft material comprised therein can simulate the flexing movement of a real fish, therefore, it is notably appealing to a fish to be caught. This means that better fishing efficiency can be expected with this lure than with the conventional lures.

[0009] The presence of this soft material part in a lure creates an originality and novelty which can complete the aim that is to solve the initial problem of mannerism.

[0010] While the present invention has been particularly shown and described with reference to the preferred mode as illustrated in the drawing, it will be understood by one skilled in the art that various changes in detail may be effected therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the claim.

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